

DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention: **FILTER ELEMENT MOUNTING APPARATUS**

As the below named inventor(s), I/We declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
☒ Application No. 10550563 filed on MAY 17, 2006,
☐ As amended on _____ (if applicable).

I/we believe that I/we are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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☐ Additional inventor or a legal representative are being named on _____ additional form(s) attached hereto.

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